

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 513
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1-4 Homeland Security; April 24, 2007, reported adversely, with
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 513 By: Watson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the requirement that certain applicants for a vehicle
1-11 dealer general distinguishing number complete a dealer education
1-12 course.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 503.029, Transportation Code, is amended
1-15 by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-16 (d) An applicant for an original dealer general
1-17 distinguishing number who proposes to be an independent motor
1-18 vehicle dealer and who does not hold another type of dealer general
1-19 distinguishing number must submit to the department evidence that
1-20 the applicant completed a dealer education course approved by the
1-21 department in the year preceding the date the application is filed.
1-22 The course must be at least eight hours and not more than 12 hours in
1-23 length.

1-24 (e) The department may approve a dealer education course
1-25 under Subsection (d) only if the provider of the course:

1-26 (1) is a business with its principal office in this
1-27 state;

1-28 (2) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department
1-29 that the provider has experience providing high-level,
1-30 professional education to independent motor vehicle dealers;

1-31 (3) provides to each person who attends a course
1-32 sample copies of forms required under state and federal law to be
1-33 used in motor vehicle transactions;

1-34 (4) provides ongoing educational support by telephone
1-35 or the Internet for one year at no additional cost to persons who
1-36 have attended a course;

1-37 (5) provides at least eight dealer education courses
1-38 each calendar year, including at least one course each year at a
1-39 location not more than 300 miles from any location in this state,
1-40 and provides an Internet version of the course in English and in
1-41 Spanish; and

1-42 (6) has a curriculum review panel for the course that
1-43 consists of at least four independent motor vehicle dealers who
1-44 hold dealer general distinguishing numbers.

1-45 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 503.029, Transportation
1-46 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for an
1-47 original dealer general distinguishing number filed with the Texas
1-48 Department of Transportation on or after September 1, 2008. An
1-49 application filed before that date is governed by the law in effect
1-50 when the application was filed, and the former law is continued in
1-51 effect for that purpose.

1-52 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas
1-53 Department of Transportation shall begin to approve or reject
1-54 applications from providers of dealer education courses under
1-55 Subsections (d) and (e), Section 503.029, Transportation Code, as
1-56 added by this Act.

1-57 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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